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IYC Social Section

ISLAND YACHT CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS

MARCH

MARCH 10TH

**Dinner Dance
Italian Evening
3 course meal
£15 ticket**

Live Entertainment

MARCH 17TH

**ST Patrick's Night
Dance
Dance to CJs Disco
lots of fun.**

MARCH 24TH

**Murder Mystery
Evening
Who done it ???
+ Basket Meal.**

APRIL

5TH APRIL

**FITTING OUT SUPPER
Table Top Magic**

7th APRIL

**EASTER DANCE
Live Entertainment:
Jenny Lane**

21st APRIL

**St Georges day with the
theme of 007 gambling
evening. dress as 007
stirred but not shaken**

28th APRIL

**AMERICAN NIGHT
DINNER DANCE
Live Music**

*Many thanks
Elaine
Social Secretary*

Commodores Newsletter

Dear All

It was good to see so many of you at the recent EGM, pleasing to know so many care about their club and its future. Lets hope that the YES vote to dredge the creek helps to prolong and enhance the active life of the club. My thanks to all who have helped us get this far and to achieve this result. Also a big thanks to those of you who have loaned the club money for the project.

The winter weather has been kind to us, lets hope the summer months are even better. Your various committees are planning lots of events such as cruising, racing and entertainment - keep an eye on the notice boards and following newsletters to find out more.

Well done to all who have contributed to the works that have gone on in and around the club and compound. I am sure more willing hands taking part would be greatly appreciated by all committees. So as they say COME ON DOWN and help keep your club the best around.

Also, Lily Rapkin 2 was launched today and had sea trials which were encouraging. Once again thanks to the people who have contributed to the refurb of the boat and getting it fit to launch.

I wish you all good and safe boating.

*Regards
Rodney Bye
Commodore*

Vice Commodores Quarter Deck

Hopefully the good weather is only just around the corner as we get closer to lifting our boats in. Don't forget the Fitting Out Supper on Thursday evening, 5th April. This is always a very pleasant evening with good company, good food and good conversation and the prospect of a good sailing season in front of us.

The New Workboat - Lily Rapkin II

She is at last in the water. We have had a few problems but they have been resolved and with just a little more effort you should soon see her doing the work she was bought for. We are still within the budget allocated for the project and my thanks go those members who have put so much time and effort in enabling us to achieve this. I would also like to thank prematurely all those who have volunteered to take her out to carry out the work required in the creek. *Lily Rapkin II* will require a crew of at least 2 and so when we start the work within the next few weeks I will call a short meeting of all those volunteers to outline what is needed and how we accomplish this.

Dredging the Creek Entrance

We are almost there. We believe we can now fund the dredging from within the normal club finances without increasing the membership fees. The EGM was well supported and the vote to go ahead with the dredging of the creek entrance with out increasing member's fees was passed 159 For, 10 Against. I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere thanks those members who have pledged loans to the club to assist in the payment of the total cost required to proceed with the dredging. Also, my sincere thanks to all those who have given us the encouragement to carry on achieving our long term aim to greatly improve the access to our creek.

For our dredging license to be considered it was mandatory that we provide sample analysis results of the area to be dredged. The PLA decided to commit to their own sampling and their analysis results showed that the Mercury levels were below the prescribed limits. All this was told to us by the PLA on the Friday before the EGM and the PLA stated that due to these new results we would be able to be dredge by the water injection method. We know that this method is far cheaper as it simply emulsifies and disperses the spoil into the ebb tide.

In February 2006, before we had taken creek bed samples, we called in the dredging company Van Oord. They provided us a quotation to mobilise and demobilise their water injection dredging equipment and a dredging cost per tide with an estimated spoil movement per tide. Having received the good news on Friday 16th February about the samples and the dredging method we were very quickly able to estimate a budget cost and this expenditure could be made without the need of an EGM. However, we could not cancel the EGM at such short notice and we thought that the new facts should be presented to those

attending. With generous loans from members it meant potentially we could pay the total amount up front as required and remain with the rules of the club.

We have subsequently been informed by the PLA that English Nature is insisting on a model showing where the dredged sediment will go from the creek entrance.

We have contacted Van Oord and they will be at the club on 8th March to discuss our new requirements and provided us with a revised quotation. The start of the dredging is dependant on where their piece of kit is and its work commitment to date but I hope we will see the works start sometime in April.

What also has to be understood is this is not a one off for our creek. Once granted a dredging license we are able to apply for a maintenance dredging license which is far less complicated to obtain and therefore we intend to do this every 3 to 4 years. Then the question of funding will again come to the fore and so we will be putting a work and financial plan forward for the creek for the foreseeable future. I think this is important so that those who come after us will know, understand and continue the commitment needed for our creek. Also, our own work in the creek has to be a continuous process, on going year upon year. If we can instil these disciplines in ourselves and future members I am sure that not only will the creek survive but will flourish and attracting more boats into our club.

This is a great Club! The envy of most! Be part of it!

Good luck, good sailing, good motoring and good fishing and most of all be safe.

Bill French

Vice Commodore

TREASURER'S REPORT

Subscriptions have been a bit slow coming in and I think this was because members were waiting to see what the outcome of the EGM would be. Now that we know I hope to see all your subscriptions start to flood in so that I do not have to send too many reminder letters out.

Pat Harper
Treasurer

Cadets Section

Now that the lighter nights are coming and the cadet section has pulled through what I would call the hardest part of the year (for keeping the cadet interested) i.e. wanting to come to cadets and not wanting to stay at home on a wet cold night. We are now starting plan what cadets would like to do on the coming weekends ahead.

I hope with the new season all of the club members will see for themselves how well they have come on over the past 10/11 months

The cadet section has had a inflatable with a small outboard motor given to the via Annette of which they are very grateful.

We also have a page of our own on the club website.

I would like to thank these who turn up every Tuesday night to help with the cadets. With out your support the cadets would not be as strong as they are at this moment in time.

Very best regards Martin & Team



Cadets Meet every Tuesday 7pm at Clubhouse

RYA RIB YOUTH CHALLENGE

As the season draws near, along with a Topper to repair, a Dart 15 to prepare and a Bull7000 to paint, overhaul and commission I will be starting plans for the Cadets RIB Challenge. We got very close last year and if anyone can beat Luke, then they have every chance of winning the regional championship, because Luke came within half a second of it last year. As for the younger section, well Caroline and Megan are out of it so I am expecting a bit more competition from the younger boys this year.

The RYA have made it a bit harder for us this year, The Regional Competition will be on the Broads (North of Norwich) and this is about twice the journey for us. It is also at the end of May; a month earlier so we have to start training earlier, and that may cause problems with the weather. And its on 29th May, a Tuesday in the middle of half term.

We intend to start training 3rd March, so by the time you get this Newsletter we should have started and hope to do most Saturday's tide permitting. Jeff Beverley and Paul Solderberge have offered their assistance as additional trainers, and they may also assist with their RIB's. If you will be 8 years old or older and under 17 by September then you are eligible, but please ensure you drag your parents along as we need their help at the start and finish of training.



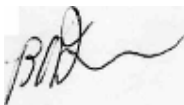
DINGHY SAILING SECTION

A new season is now upon us, you will see from your renewals that the fees have regrettably increased, this was voluntary, we thought that it was only fair, and that the some expense should be born by the dinghy sailors, we still have much to achieve, our walkway to the pontoon is an ongoing problem, we have ideas to better this walkway but it all cost's money, so we have to repair what we have at this moment.

When you fill your renewal forms in will you please give the information that is requested, class, sail number and name if you have one. A friend of mine said that the news letter was always history, well this one is not, we require work parties for the compound, walkway and floating pontoon, I have requested more withies to mark the old sea wall and we are going to mark the entrance with another buoy, so you will know where the entrance to the bay is between the old sea walls. I have been busy over the winter period working on our support boat, there were problems with the steering, I think that I have them sorted now. As I requested in the last news letter, dinghies must be on the trailers or the trailers will be removed, it looks like our fleet will increase in 2007 so room for these dinghies is vital. The monohulls must be stored in the area allocated for them, dinghies that are not used on a regular basis must be returned to the small compound. We will not let these area's around the clubhouse be used for storage.

I am preparing a rota for the support boat, it would be nice to have some of our member's who can handle a R.I.B. join in, I am sure you will enjoy the experience, Martin Dobbs would like to see a few more driver's hold level 2 and safety boat certificate's, and not just for their own benefit, but to join in with club activities. This year you will see from your fixture list that the race to Benfleet yacht club is on, it is mainly for cadets but you can join if you so wish, a quick pint and then race back.

We must return to our meetings, how else can we communicate, I am sure you all have your own ideas on what you would like, and the only way is at the meetings, another night out I hear your wife saying; bring her along and the children then they can see how boring it can really be. That's all for now, I wish you all safe and fast sailing for the coming season.



Brian

An evening series to be run on the following dates;
Friday June 8th HW 18.30 Start 17.30.
Friday June 22nd HW 18.41 Start 17.45.
Friday July 6th HW 17.19 Start 16.15
Friday July 20th HW 17.17 Start 17.15.

Yacht Club's within the Thames Estuary are invited to take part in the Alexandra Yacht Club, **Spring Challenge Interclub Race, Open Handicap Dinghy Race on Sunday 29 April, 2007.**

The race is sponsored by Lookers Land Rover, Hadleigh with an excellent first prize of a "Land Rover Off Road Experience Day", many other prizes to be won.

More can be downloaded from www.alex yachtclub.co.uk
Or by contacting: Caroline Gibb on cmgibb@rya-online.net

Cruisers Section

**2007 Combined Cruiser Series
Supper & Prizegiving
At the Island Yacht Club, All Welcome.
3rd march 2007. 19:30 for 20:00 start**

5 Course Meal, Tickets only £14

Please book in advance, See Notice Board,
or contact Mike Edwards 01268 525523

Dinner Menu

Pate

Beef Chasseur

Creamed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables

Or

Vegetable Ragout

Sweet Selection

Cheese & Biscuits

*Coffee & Mints**

Other Events for the Sailing Diary

Sun 25th March at 11:00am BST
Cruiser and Motor Meeting

Sat 2nd June Start 13:30pm
Yantlet BBQ

Sun 1st April Start at 12:20am
Sunnyside Cup Race

Sat 21st July Start 07:00am
East Coast Cruise & Treasure Hunt (quiz)

Sat 5th May Start 04:00am
Ramsgate Cruise

Prize a Bottle of Scotch for winning Adult, and a £10 voucher for winning Cadet

Sat 19th May Start 14:20pm
Norton Novice Race

Details of more events on notice board and in Club Sailing Program

Let others know what you are planning to do
INDIVIDUAL SAILING ACTIVITIES REGISTER

http://www.islandyachtclub.co.uk/sailing_information/sailingactivitiesweb.htm

Send your details to web2@islandyachtclub.co.uk

SPRING LAUNCH DATES 2007

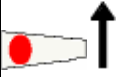


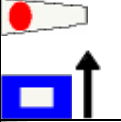


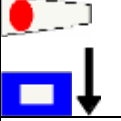





Date	Time	Tide (metres)
Saturday 31 st March	12:33	5.5
Sunday 1 st April	13:09	5.5
Saturday 14 th April	10:49	5.2
Sunday 15 th April	11:46	5.6
Saturday 28 th April	11:12	5.2
Sunday 29 th April	11:57	5.4
Saturday 5 th May	15:02	5.6
Sunday 6 th May	15:35	5.4
Overrun		
Saturday 19 th May	15:06	5.7
Sunday 20 th May	15:49	5.5

Should you require a mid-week launch, please contact:-

John 07971 015244

Alex 07787 142115

Starting signals used in IYC & CCCS Cruiser Racing

	5 minute Preparatory	1 sound *  or  Class flag (numeral pennant No 1) Raised
	4 minute Warning	1 sound *  or  Code flag P Raised
	1 minute Warning	1 sound *  or  Code flag P Lowered
	Start	1 sound *  or  Class flag Lowered

Sailing Cruiser Event	Cruiser & Dinghy Event	Motor & Sail Event	Cadet Activity	Dinghy Event		
IYC Marine Activities for 2007						
Month	Day	Date	START	Event	H.W.	Height
MARCH						
	Sat	3	10:00 20:00	Cadet Sailing / IYC RIB Youth Training CCS Prizegiving & Supper	12:34	5.6
	Sun	4	10:40	Cadet Sailing	13:11	5.6
	Sat	10	14:00	RYA RIB Youth Training	16:06	5.3
	Sat	17	08:45 10:00	Cadet Sailing / IYC RIB Youth Training Replace Dinghy Pontoon	11:16	5.5
	Sun	18	09:30 11:00	Cadet Sailing Dinghy Race	12:02	5.9
	Sat	24	14:00	IYC RIB Youth Training	16:12	5.4
<i>BST Start</i>	Sun	25	11:00	Motor & Sailing Cruise meeting	17:57	5.0
	Sat	31	10:00	IYC RIB Youth Training	12:26	5.5
APRIL						
	Sun	1	10:37 12:20	Cadet Sailing Sunnyside Cup	13:07	5.6
	Mon	2	11:12	Cadet Sailing	13:42	5.6
	Tues	3	11:50	Cadet Sailing	14:12	5.5
	Wed	4	12:00	Cadet Sailing	14:36	5.4
	Thurs	5	12:30	Cadet Sailing	15:01	5.4
<i>Good Friday</i>	Fri	6	13:00 14:40	Cadet Sailing Dinghy Series	15:29	5.5

IYC Marine Activities for 2007

Month	Day	Date	START	Event	H.W.	Height
	Sat	7	13.30 15:10	Cadet Sailing / IYC RIB Youth Training Dinghy Series	16:01	5.5
	Sun	8	14.00 14:50	Cadet Sailing Dinghy Series	16:37	5.3
<i>Easter Monday</i>	Mon	9	15:00 16:30	Cadet Sailing Dinghy Series	17:18	5.1
	Sat	14	09.00	IYC RIB Youth Training	10:53	5.2
	Sun	15	11:00	Dinghy Race	11:47	5.6
	Sat	21	14.00	IYC RIB Youth Training	16:10	5.7
	Sun	22	16:00	Dinghy Race	16:52	5.3
	Sat	28		IYC RIB Youth Training	11:01	5.1
	Sun	29	11:00	Dinghy Race	11:49	5.3
MAY						
	Sat	5	12:30 03:54	Cadet Sailing / IYC RIB Youth Training Ramsgate Cruise	15:06 02:54	5.4
	Sun	6	13:10	Cadet Sailing	15:40	5.4
<i>Bank Holiday</i>	Mon	7	12		16:17	5.3
	Sat	12	11:30	Upnor Cruise & Sailing Race	09:08	4.9
	Sun	13	09:30	Dinghy Race	10:16	5.2
	Sat	19	12:40 14:20	Cadet Sailing / IYC RIB Youth Race <i>Norton Novice race</i>	15:10	5.7
	Sun	20	13:20 15:00	Cadet Sailing Dinghy Race	15:54	5.5
	Sat	26			09:15	4.8
	Sun	27	09:20	Dinghy Race	10:12	4.9
<i>Bank Holiday</i>	Mon	28			11:03	5.1
JUNE						
	Sat	2	11:45 13:30	Cadet Sailing Yantlet BBQ	14:15	5.4
	Sun	3	12:20 13:40	Cadet Sailing Dinghy Race	14:50	5.4
	Fri	8	17.30	Evening Dinghy Series Race	18.30	
	Sun	10	TBA	<i>Nore race</i>	08:34	5.1
	Tues	12	20:20	Cadet Sailing	22:53	5.3
	Sat	16	12:45	Cadet race to Benfleet	14:12	5.6
	Sun	17	12:20 14:10	Cadet Sailing Dinghy Race	14:58	5.6
	Fri	22	17.45	Evening Dinghy Series Race	18.41	
	Sat	23	09:00	Harty Ferry Cruise & Sailing Race	07:21	4.8
	Sun	24			08:15	4.7
	Tues	26	20:10	Cadet Sailing	22:32	4.8
	Sat	30	11:00 14:20	Cadet Sailing <i>Boatrac Race</i>	13:21	5.4
JULY						
	Sun	1	11:30 13:10	Cadet Sailing Dinghy Race	14:00	5.4
	Fri	6	16.15	Evening Dinghy Series Race	17.19	
	Sat	7		<i>Interclub Cruiser challenge & Team Race</i>	06:06	5.4

Month	Day	Date	START	Event	H.W.	Height
	Sat	7	06:00	Vice Commodores Cruise	06:06	5.4
			TBA	3 Piers race,		
	Sun	8	TBA	3 Piers race	07:00	5.2
	Sat	14	10:45	Cadet Sailing	13:15	5.5
	Sun	15	11:30 13:10	Cadet Sailing <i>Greene King & Whitbread Race</i>	14:04	5.6
	Fri	20	17.15	Evening Dinghy Series Race	17.17	
	Sat	21	07:00	Blackwater Cruise & Sailing Race	05:43	5.1
	Sun	22	17:50	Dinghy Race	18:39	5.0
	Sat	28			12:17	5.2
	Sun	29	10:30 12:10	Cadet Sailing Dinghy Race	13:02	5.4
AUGUST						
	Sat	4	06:00	Ray day	17:01	5.7
			16:10	<i>Ladies Race</i>		
	Sun	5	07:00	<i>Ellen Rapkin Race</i>	05:40	5.5
	Tues	7	17:10	Cadet Sailing	19:40	5.0
	Sat	11		Fun Day	12:15	5.2
	Sun	12	10:30 12:20	Cadet Sailing Dinghy Race	13:06	5.5
	Sat	18	14:00 05:30	Cadet Sailing Faversham, Swale Cruise	16:31	5.4
	Sun	19	14:30 16:20	Cadet Sailing Dinghy Race	17:04	5.3
	Sat	25	11:00	Commodores Cruise	10:59	4.8
				Dinghy Series		
	Sun	26	11:00	Dinghy Series	11:54	5.2
<i>Bank Holiday</i>	Mon	27	11:50	Dinghy Series	12:39	5.5
SEPT						
	Sat	1			15:56	6.0
	Sun	2	15:50	<i>Koningstein Cup</i>	16:37	5.9
	Sat	8	12:00	Queenborough Cruise & Sailing Race	11:03	4.8
	Sun	9	11:10	Dinghy Race	12:01	5.3
	Sat	15	14:40	Canvey Supply Cadet Race	15:27	5.5
	Sun	16	15:10	Dinghy Race	15:56	5.5
	Sat	22			08:57	4.4
	Sun	23			10:25	4.7
	Sat	29	TBA	Hurricane Open	14:52	6.1
	Sun	30	TBA	Hurricane Open	15:34	6.1
OCTOBER						
	Sat	6			09:26	4.5
	Sun	7	10:00	Gin & Rum Race	10:36	4.9
	Sat	13			14:31	5.5
	Sun	14			14:59	5.5
	Sat	20			06:43	4.5
	Sun	21			08:08	4.4
	Sat	27			13:45	6.1
<i>BST end</i>	Sun	28			13:31	6.1

IYC Boats for sale

Listed on the IYC Web site where you can find more details.

SEA ROVER	INCH	28	£10,000
NEWBRIDGE	TAO	23	P.O.A.
SNAPDRAGON 670	MARAB	22	£5500
SNAPDRAGON	WARATAH	24	£5995
TRAPPER 300	FLYING FOX	26	£12500
EUGETHENE		24	£3000
	WESTERN		
ARISTO CAT	ENTERPRIZE	33	P.O.A
FAIREY FISHERMAN		26	£13000
SNAPDRAGON	SEA LAIKA	27	£8500
BROOM FLYBRIDGE			
CRUISER 1982	Twin 150HP Perkins	35	£58500
SAILING YACHT	SHADOW FAX	27	£14500
WOODEN CAT	TWEEDEL DEE	30	£5500
MACWESTER ROWAN	MOUNTAIN ASH	22	P.O.A
PEARSON MOTOR			
BOAT	LEONORA	28	£8000
SEAL 22	NO NAME	30	£3995
MIRAGE 2700	SEAMIST	28	£9000
WESTERLY PAGENT	LAROTAUIA	23	P.O.A
VIVACITY		20	£1,750
DEBUTANTE	MISS ELLIE	22	£450
CYGNUS CYFISH	BLUE FIN	10M	£65,000
McGREGOR	EMILY	26	£10,500



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Phone 078903 89003/Email islandyachtclubryacourses@msn.com